

Fred N. Rubel, Chief Emergency Response & Inspection Branch May 22, 1979

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OIL AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES TELEPHONE POLLUTION REPORT

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4.	Location of Incident: Staten clotard, my	
5.	Water Body Affected:	
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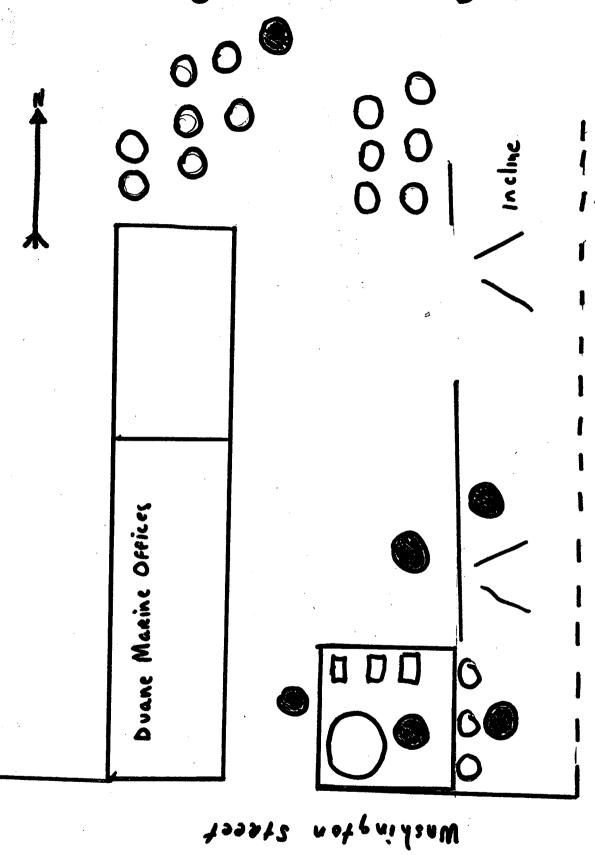


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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

SOLID WASTE ADMINISTRATION TRENTON, 08625

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TEMPORARY OPERATING AUTHORIZATION

Under provisions of N.J.S.A. 13:1E-11, a section of the Solid Waste Management Act, this temporary authorization is issued to:

Duane Marine Corporation P.O. Box 435, Great Kills Staten Island, New York 10308

for the purpose of operating a:	Special Waste Facility		
of the following type	Transfer, Storage, Reclaimation, Recovery,		
	Blending, Treatment		
on LOT NO.(S)	1 and 1A		
BLOCK NO.(S)	238		
in the municipality of	Perth Amboy		
county	Middlesex		
under Special Waste Facility No.	7216A		

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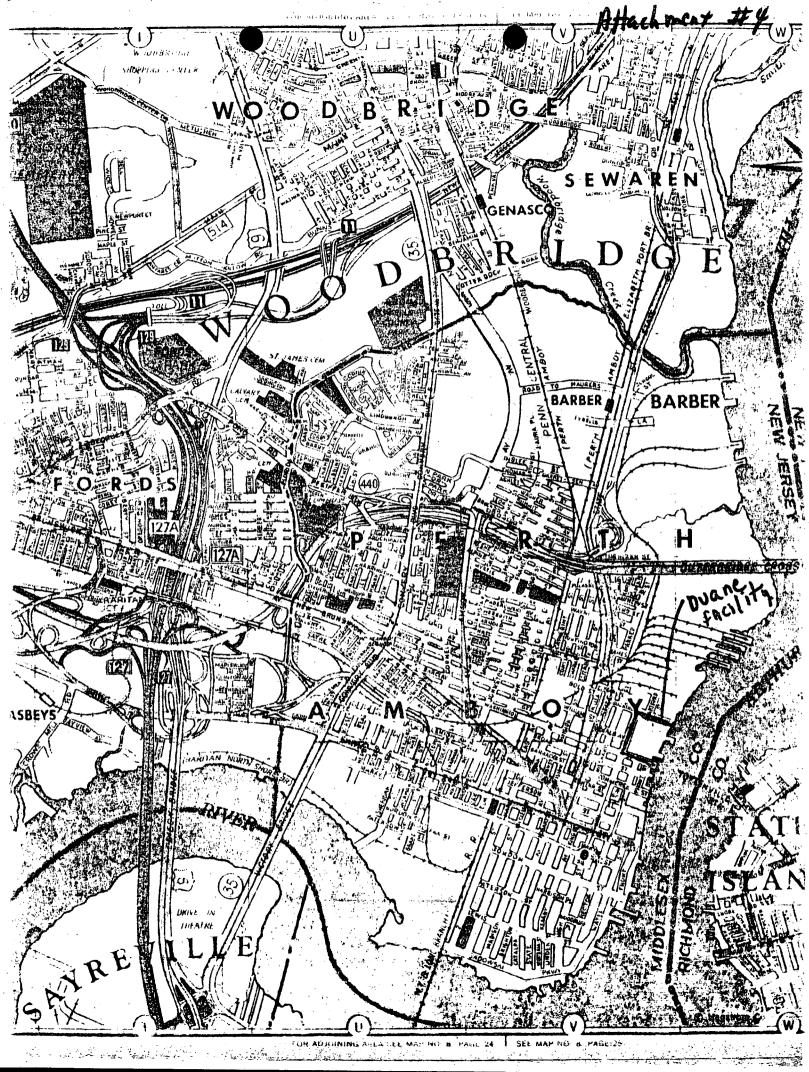
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